

2018 International Conference on Large Vessel Vasculitis and Related Disorders
March 15-17, 2018

Thursday, March 15, 2108	
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Registration and Exhibitors Leighton Auditorium Lobby – Siebens Building 2 nd Floor
1:00 p.m.	Greeting and Opening <i>Kenneth J. Warrington, M.D., Eric L. Matteson, M.D.</i>
1:10 p.m.	History of GCA at the Mayo Clinic <i>Gene Hunder, M.D.</i>
Epidemiology	
1:45 p.m.	Classify This: A Difficult Case of GCA <i>Elaine Yacyshyn, M.D.</i>
2:00 p.m.	Large-Vessel Vasculitis: Spectrum or Specific Diseases? Nomenclature and Classification <i>Peter A. Merkel, M.D., MPH</i>
2:30 p.m.	BSR Guidelines for Management of GCA <i>Bhaskar Dasgupta, M.D.</i>
3:00 p.m.	Risk Factors for GCA <i>Carl Turesson, M.D., Ph.D.</i>
3:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion Epidemiology
3:45 p.m.	Snack Break and Exhibitors
Pathobiology of LVV and TAK	
4:00 p.m.	Genomics of Large Vessel Vasculitis <i>Amr Sawalha, M.D.</i>
4:30 p.m.	Distinguishing GCA from TAK <i>Tanaz Kermani, M.D.</i>
5:00 p.m.	Cellular Players in the Peripheral Blood Compartment in GCA <i>Elisabeth Brouwer, M.D.</i>
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn
5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	MUSIC AND MEDICINE: Chopin and the Power of Resilience - Dr. Richard Kogan Reception, Lecture, Performance – Pre-Registration Preferred – Phillips Hall 1 st Floor

Friday, March 16, 2108	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Registration, Exhibitors, Abstract Viewing Phillips Hall – Siebens Building 1st Floor
8:00 a.m.	Case Presentation - Is this GCA? – Leighton Auditorium 2 nd Floor <i>Eric L. Matteson, M.D.</i>
8:15 a.m.	Why a Temporal Artery Biopsy is Needed in the Diagnosis of GCA <i>Maria Cid, M.D.</i>
Imaging	
8:45 a.m.	Ultrasonography for Diagnosis and Management of Large Vessel Vasculitis <i>Wolfgang Schmidt, M.D.</i>
9:45 a.m.	Advanced Imaging Techniques for LVV <i>Carlo Salvarani, M.D.</i>
10:15 a.m.	Snack Break and Exhibitors Phillips Hall

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10:30 a.m.	PET Scanning for Diagnosis and Therapy of LVV <i>Justin Mason, M.D.</i>
11:00 a.m.	Panel Discussion - Imaging
11:30 a.m.	The Immunopathogenesis of GCA <i>Cornelia Weyand, M.D., Ph.D.</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Exhibitors, Abstract Viewing Phillips Hall – Siebens Building 1st Floor
Treatment of LVV	
1:00 p.m.	Case Presentation Takayasu Arteritis <i>Ali A. Duarte-Garcia, M.D.</i>
1:15 p.m.	Surgical Management of LVV <i>Thomas Bower, M.D.</i>
1:45 p.m.	The Biology and Role of Glucocorticoids in the Management of Large Vessel Vasculitis - <i>Frank Buttgerit, M.D.</i>
2:15 p.m.	Tocilizumab for LVV <i>John Stone, M.D.</i>
2:45 p.m.	Abatacept and other Novel Therapies for LVV <i>Carol Langford, M.D.</i>
3:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion – Treatment of LVV
3:30 p.m.	Snack Break and Exhibitors
Oral Presentations – Best Of	
4:00 p.m.	Aberrant VISTA Expression on CD45RA+CD25dim Th-cells in Giant Cell Arteritis <i>Rebeca Hid Cadena</i>
4:15 p.m.	Massive Infiltration of Organized B Cells in Large Vessels of Giant Cell Arteritis Patients <i>Maria Sandovici, Ph.D.</i>
4:30 p.m.	First Evidences of Immunomodulatory Activities of Tuftsin-Phosphorylcholine on Samples from Patients with Giant Cell Arteritis in Comparison to Corticosteroids <i>Stefania Croci</i>
4:45 p.m.	A Prospective Observational Study on the Safety and Efficacy of Infliximab-Biosimilar in Patients with Takayasu’s Arteritis (Takasim): preliminary data. <i>Lorenzo Dagna, MD, FACP, FEFIM</i>
5:00 p.m.	Treatment of Takayasu Arteritis with the IL-6R Antibody Tocilizumab vs. Cyclophosphamide <i>Xiufang Kong</i>
5:15 p.m.	Discussion
5:30 p.m.	Reception – Abstracts and Exhibitors (appetizers served) Phillips Hall – Siebens Building 1 st Floor

Saturday, March 17, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Registration, Exhibitors Phillips Hall – Siebens Building 1st Floor
Prognosis	
8:00 a.m.	LE Involvement in GCA <i>Kenneth J. Warrington, M.D.</i>
8:20 a.m.	Is LVV Forever? <i>Eric L. Matteson, M.D.</i>
9:00 a.m.	Panel Discussion - Prognosis

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Oral Presentations – Best of Continued	
9:15 a.m.	Does Leflunomide have a Role in GCA Therapy? <i>Alozija Hocevar</i>
9:30 a.m.	Aortic Dilatation in Patients with Large Vessel Vasculitis: a Longitudinal Case Control Study Using Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography. <i>Francesco Muratore</i>
9:45 a.m.	A Novel MRI-based Longitudinal Scoring System for Arterial Involvement in Large-Vessel Vasculitis <i>Enrico Tombetti, M.D.</i>
10:00 a.m.	Snack Break and Exhibitors
Other Forms of LVV	
10:15 a.m.	CASE of Sarcoid Vasculitis <i>Matthew Koster, M.D.</i>
10:30 a.m.	IgG4 Related Diseases and Their Management <i>John Stone, M.D.</i>
11:00 a.m.	Cardiovascular Manifestations of Erdheim-Chester Disease <i>Matthew Koster, M.D.</i>
11:30 a.m.	Periaortitis and Retroperitoneal Fibrosis <i>Augusto Vaglio, M.D.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion – Other Forms of LVV
12:30 p.m.	Closing Comments - ADJOURN

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